Middlebury College
The novels of Julia Alvarez ’71

Exploring the economics of happiness

Starting a band and building a brand

Caribbean dance

Learning a second language... or a third, fourth, or fifth

Japanese animation

Writing code

Hiking in the Bread Loaf wilderness

Your rugby team

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

Solving climate change

Writing code

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What does it mean to explore the world at a college that is more than 200 years old, in a state known for its mountains, music, wilderness, and winters?

Middlebury welcomes the bold, the brave, the intelligent, the inquisitive, the .5*, the global thinker, and the local activist, ready to speak up and speak out.

Your experience here will be defined by your capacity for growth and exploration. We do not factor your ability to pay into your admission decision if you’re a U.S. student (we are need-aware for international students). If you’re accepted, Middlebury will meet your family’s full demonstrated financial need.

When you come to Middlebury, you come to a college with a history of progressive thinking, challenging academics, high expectations, and even higher outcomes.

*What’s a .5? It’s our Fall enrollment program. We’ll tell you more in a few pages.
Mia Grayson ‘20
Long Beach, California

- Molecular biology and biochemistry major; premed track.
- **FAVORITE CLASSES**
  Sociology of Gender, Education in the U.S., and Molecular Genetics.
- **CLOSE COMMUNITY**
  I have several campus jobs—and Middlebury’s size means I see my professors everywhere, even at work. I like that.
- **STUDY ABROAD**
  I spent my junior fall in Viña del Mar, Chile, living with a host family and taking classes entirely in Spanish.
- **WHAT SURPRISED ME**
  The constant flow of options for things to do outside the classroom that provide a balance to the rigorous academics.
- **AFTER MIDDLEBURY**
  I plan to take two years after graduation to perform clinical research and then start medical school.

Paolo Gonnelli ‘21
Gorizia, Italy

- Comparative literature major, Spanish, Chinese, and linguistics.
- **GUIDING FORCES**
  My advisor and I talk about not just my academic plans but also life after Middlebury. She’s a true mentor.
- **FAVORITE CAMPUS SPACE**
  Ross Dining Hall. I have two-hour-long breakfasts almost every morning and do some of my work.
- **FAVORITE CLASSES**
  First-Year Seminar, Introduction to Queer Critique.
- **OFF CAMPUS**
  I attended MiddCORE—Middlebury’s leadership and innovation summer program—and explored professional options.
- **AFTER MIDDLEBURY**
  I intend to study translation, most likely at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.
I look around in wonder at the beauty of the campus while walking to class. I can’t get over it and I never will.

—Pim Singhatiraj ’21.5

A GREEN MINDSET
Our environmental studies program, the oldest in the country, is one of our most popular majors. In addition to our recently becoming carbon neutral, our new Energy2028 plan sets a goal of using 100 percent renewable energy by 2028.
Schedule to meet with your advisor to talk about what to take for your January-term class.

Heading abroad next semester? Attend the Schools in Argentina, Chile, and Uruguay pre-departure meeting.

Pick up a coffee from nearby Wilson Café and find a quiet spot to study.

The Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity hosts a visiting lecturer speaking on race, immigration, and the New Deal.

Axinn’s sustainable design maximizes energy efficiency and includes CO2 sensors that keep the ventilation system off unless a room is in use.

Watch a screening of Hitchcock’s The Birds with a film studies class.

5:15 PM, DECEMBER 1

A hub of student activity from morning to night, the Axinn Center at Starr Library joins together the College’s original neoclassic library with modern reading and technology rooms, and it offers a great view.
Intellect is not wisdom. Middlebury will challenge you to take the next step, which is to understand the role of knowledge in the world, how it has shaped human hearts and minds over centuries, and how it continues to do so.

—President Laurie L. Patton
YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD AT MIDDLEBURY. Original thoughts and ideas are fostered here, and the opportunities to express them are endless. We have dozens of clubs, groups, organizations, and opportunities, from the Campus newspaper to improv, where you can find and refine your voice—and the resources to start something new, too.

Arabesque
Asian Students in Action
Black Student Union
Circolo Italiano
Debate Society
Dissipated Eight
Feminist Action at Middlebury
Hillel
New England Review
Oratory Now
Queers & Allies (Q&A)
Student Government Assoc.

Studying monogenetic volcanoes helps me understand Earth’s basic functionality.

Can I get a “Super Feel-Good,” please? That’s a classic from the Grille—a double-decker grilled cheese with chicken tenders inside.

In our first mindfulness meditation class, we’ll start with the sound of om.

How do we solve issues of clean water?

What time does the bus leave for Montreal?

Snake Mountain hike this Saturday?

Want to head downtown for some sushi?

The a cappella concert starts at 7.

I’ll see you in the lobby of BHall.

We’re loading in the set for American Idiot tomorrow.

After we finish planting the onions, we can get started on the zinnias.

Where are you living next year? I have a room in PALANA—the intercultural house—on Adirondack View.

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Quidditch practice is on Battell Beach.

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You can eat in any campus dining hall, whenever you want, as often as you want, and as much as you want. You can even have dinner in one hall, and then have dessert and tea in another.

The student-run Crossroads Café serves local foods, including Vermont Coffee Company coffee, locally brewed kombucha, and sushi made on-site.

We compost 99 percent of our food waste and use that compost in our campus gardens and other places.

We talk of options for connecting over a meal, including eating dinner with a professor at the Grille, meeting your chem lab partner for a fresh cookie at Wilson Café, or having lunch at one of our Language Tables.

Vermont Fresh

Gathered Together
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TABLE TALK

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There’s no way around it: winter in Vermont is frigid. But the best way to handle it is to layer up and get outside anyway.
— Luna Shen ’19.5

During J-term, we can focus all of our energy into one class for four weeks, exploring an academic passion—or something new. It is also the perfect chance to engage with our playful sides, either out on the hill or inside by the fire.
— Emily Kerstein ’20

I love walking to class between two mountain ranges, the Green Mountains on one side and the Adirondacks on the other.
— Alex Gemme ’21

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— Benjamin Feinstein ’20

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THE FULL .5 EXPERIENCE

Each February, approximately 100 first-year students begin at Middlebury as Febs. They’ve been accepted under the same high standards as those who enroll in the fall but have the chance to take a pause before enrollment to work, explore, or volunteer. The Feb program started in 1971, so it’s almost 50 years old. Febs even get their own class year designation (Class of 2023.5) and an optional ski-down graduation ceremony, a tradition unique in the nation!
We want to develop both mental and physical health. Our flexible and accessible spaces support all kinds of wellness, whether it’s playing a sport, taking a yoga or meditation class, going for a walk on our trails, or learning to ski.

— Erin Quinn ’86
Director of Athletics

PLAY ON

Our 350-acre campus has wide lawns, tree-lined paths, rolling hills, and plenty of open green spaces.

BE WELL

Whether you want to get fit, stay fit, or try something new, our facilities are open to everyone from varsity athletes to the greater campus community and even local alumni.

- Fitness center
- Field house with indoor track and training area
- Climbing wall
- Logrolling
- Natatorium
- Ice hockey arena
- Basketball courts
- Trail Around Middlebury (TAM)
- Outdoor track
- 18-hole public golf course
- Downhill and Nordic ski centers
- Classes such as spinning and yoga
- Clubs and intramural teams from equestrian to rugby to the nation’s first Muggle Quidditch
- 31 varsity sports; charter member of NESCAC
OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD
Our main campus is in an idyllic New England town, but our students have Middlebury opportunities all over the world, including at our Schools Abroad in 38 sites in 17 countries; our graduate school, the Middlebury Institute of International Studies; and the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference. Our Study Abroad Office will work with you to find a program—or two—that aligns with your academic and personal interests.

About 10 percent of our undergraduate students at Middlebury are non-U.S. citizens, and many others have lived abroad before college.
Don’t be afraid to create your own path. You’ll find your most fulfilling successes when you’re doing the work you care about.

—Michelle Lehman ‘19
Basalt, Colorado
Neuroscience major

I’m a first-generation college student. I chose Middlebury for its strong academics, extensive alumni network, and outdoor culture.

Initially, I struggled to determine an academic path in the arts that also aligned with my interest in the sciences.

Since then, I’ve pursued various animation projects, including visualizing a professor’s research on the mechanisms that drive the cavity-forming process of oral bacteria.

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Our students choose careers in a range of fields at both established and emerging companies and organizations—or they strike out on their own to pursue their passions. Others continue their education in health professions, law, and master’s and PhD programs.

Our Center for Careers and Internships has all the resources you need to explore your career path. Preprofessional advising helps students meet requirements for admission to schools in the areas of architecture, business, education, engineering, health professions, and law.
### DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

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